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SUBJECT: 58TH ECOSOC--SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS (ITEM
7)--CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

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1. DEPT HAS RECONSIDERED POSITION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
RESOLUTION IN LIGHT OF USDEL'S VIEWS CONTAINED REFTTEL.
DEPT HAS CONCLUDED THAT BECAUSE OF OVERRIDING REASONS OF
SUBSTANCE USDEL MUST CONFORM WITH POSITION AS CONTAINED IN
POSITION PAPER AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED IN STATE 80692
AND STATE 89539.

2. USDEL SHOULD ASK FOR VOTE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION AND
ABSTAIN. USDEL SHOULD MAKE EXPLANATION OF VOTE EXPLAINING
OUR ABSTENTION AS BEING BASED UPON A DESIRE NOT TO TAKE A
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POSITION ON THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION OF THE DESIRABILITY

OF ABOLISHING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. THIS POSITION IS BASED
UPON (A) THE FACT THAT THE QUESTION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
IS FOR THE MOST PART IN THE DOMAIN OF STATE GOVERNMENTS,
NOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND (B) THE QUESTION OF THE
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IS PRESENTLY AT
ISSUE IN A CASE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE US SUPREME COURT.
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